

2008 Current Fiscal Year Report: Independent External Review Panel To Identify Vulnerabilities In The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Material Licensing Program

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Nuclear Regulatory Commission		2008	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Independent External Review Panel To Identify Vulnerabilities In The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Material Licensing Program		33449	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
Yes	10/02/2007	10/02/2009	10/02/2009
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
Yes			06/03/2008
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	No	Enacted	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority		13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type
Sec 9 of FACA, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.2), as a discretionary committee.		10/06/1972	Ad hoc
15. Description of Committee		14c. Presidential?	
Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board		No	
16a. Total Number of Reports		1	
16b. Report Date		Report Title	
03/11/2008		Final Report of the Independent External Review Panel to Identify Vulnerabilities In the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Materials Licensing Program	
Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1			
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	17d. Total
4	0	3	7
Meetings and Dates			
Purpose		Start	End
Organize Committee and initiate review of NRC Materials Licensing Program		10/30/2007	- 10/30/2007

Gather information for Committee's report.
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 Gather information and comments on draft for Committee's final report.
 Gather information and finalize Committee's report.

11/27/2007 - 11/30/2007
 01/08/2008 - 01/11/2008
 01/14/2008 - 01/18/2008
 02/08/2008 - 02/08/2008
 02/19/2008 - 02/21/2008
 03/05/2008 - 03/07/2008

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 7

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$36,400.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$26,400.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$300.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$300.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$83,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Committee met with NRC staff, State officials, members of the regulated community and the public to gather information to respond to the Committee's charge to review the NRC's Material Licensing Program and the security aspects associated with it.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members included an former Director of a State Licensing Program, an expert in security, and an expert in the use of radioactive materials.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Seven meetings were held in a period of 6 months to produce the Committee's report.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee was a part of the Commission's commitment to Congress to provide a comprehensive review of the NRC's Materials Licensing Program following a GAO audit that revealed deficiencies in the Agency's program.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings were closed to discuss safeguarded information and security associated with use and licensing of radioactive material.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Aaron T McCraw DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Hill, Thomas	10/02/2007	06/03/2008	Retired from Georgia Dept of Natural Resources Rad Mat Program	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nerud, Benjamin	10/02/2007	06/03/2008	DOD - Defense Threat Reduction Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ryan, Michael	10/02/2007	06/03/2008	consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 3

Narrative Description

The principal objective of this panel is to respond to the NRC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recommendation (OIG-07-A-12), "...that the Executive Director for Operations convene an independent panel of experts external to the agency to identify agency vulnerabilities concerning the NRC's material licensing and tracking programs and validate the agency's ongoing byproduct material security efforts."

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None ☐

Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Committee advice should enhance security of nuclear materials.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

13

Number of Recommendations Comments

8 major areas of recommendations with subparts

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The NRC agreed with all of the recommendations and is in the process of implementation. A June 6, 2008 Assessment of the report of The Independent External Review Panel(ML081830066)provides a summary of the status.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

A June 6, 2008 Assessment of the report of The Independent External Review Panel(ML081830066)provides a summary of the status.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Agency Procedures and review Process for issuing new materials licenses are being revised and changed to enhance assurance of security.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

See NRC doacument Collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>